OF FO'C'S'LE AND CABIN THE ABANDONED BARK SEA GULL

time the unique fate which befell her master's wife had been stitching, master and her crew.

good time, if any one is now alive of some other vessel. But why?

But first I must give the circum- To begin with, then, the Sea Guil stances of the Sea Guil's finding, for had sailed from San Francisco four

HIRTY-FIVE years ago the bark of a pirate, for nothing was missing Sca Gull, Joseph Rintouf, massexcept the ship's papers and the ter, was found abandoned at development to the skipper's wife sed under circumstances so extraordi-were found. There were also some sary as to arouse the world's wonder. The mystery surrounding her has Gull had evidently been abandoned by The investigation of the story I am all hands on very short notice. In never been shorted, but the story I am the sewing machine in the cabin lay about to tell will reveal for the first a child's unfinished garment that the

There was an unfinished meal on the tam able to tell the story because I cabin table. The absence of the chronometer and the ship's papers only added to the mystery. Why holing in South America- just where I should they have been taken and am not at liberty to say. He is dead money left behind? Another striking and his daughter told me the tale point was the presence of all the bark's small boats. If all hands on her had not jumped over the side they who I am That will all come out must have been taken off in the boats

The season and the se was the last survivor - and the terrible not recall the fant stic and far fetched wrongs that the ship's story exposes explanation invented by Sir A. Conan arsunded. So the facts can be related Doyle, whose ingenuity in the creation withou prefadice to sattisfy the eternal of Sheriock Holmes failed to serve mying for solutions that lives in the him for the solution of this trementari of all mankind. This much I dous sea puzzle. Nor is there need to sill say, the retired sea captain in recount other vain efforts to work out south America was Joseph Rintoul the fate of the men of the Sea Gull. mself, and his daughter, from whom I may much better proceed to the have the tale, as an uncomprehend-straight recital of the actual events rehild saw every event I am about that took place on her before she was found deserted



He went into the head station and shot Mynhooven dead.

bound for her home port. But as soon as she heard the Sea Guil's registry, her sailing port and the length of time she had been away from land the Ivory that every one on board the Sea Guil is not a sudden ferocity answer any questions. He insisted to leaged into his eyes. He went on in English, which was perfect except for that every one on board the Sea Guil is not of the length of time.

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thunderstruck Capt. Rintoul deciphered without delay. Two trips accomplished "You may as well understand now as oner:

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shore on the little brass cannon that commander and learn the reason for exhaustion. Perhaps the Congo trader commander and learn the reason for exhaustion. Perhaps the Congo trader the rudgingles to which his company of the lyory Trader. There was no other craft in sight. Capt. Rintout the presence of a stout, greasy looking the buse backs held this white man the presence of a stout, greasy looking helpless. When Capt. Rintout had the great tropical river whose banks not get away without a breeze—maybe less. This personage, scuffling hissipater. The lyory Export Capt. Rintout craged from will be guessed."

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asked the bark's name, registry and! The Ivery Trader now ran up a sigdestination. Capt. Rintoul replied that this was a British vessel bound for Havre. How long had the Sea Guil been out? One hundred and twentyone days from San Francisco, Capt. Rintoul's responsibilities, came and crew are my prisoners and must wife and child each day, under guard,
one days from San Francisco, Capt. within a half-hour. He surrendered remain so until we reach the comin the cabin; they were well and were

thunderstruck Capt. Rintoul deciphered as follows:

"You are a prisoner of war."

At the same instant sallers on the deck of the steamship tore away tarpaulins and revealed a small but ship.

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Britain was at war with France and them over the side before they could We are now steaming as rapidly as be running a great risk. I was so Belgium, and had been for a month. so much as gather up their money, possible away from the world and happy, Captain, when I found you be-trinkets or spare clothing. Everything straight for that dark lend of jungles calmed with no one else in sight, and The master of the Sea Gull com- was done in the most desperate baste, and savagery which will never form happier still when I learned how long

"See what a chance I offer you! I shall plant your crew, one or two men there, one or two men there, at the river posts. All they will have to do will be to watch the ivory come down, keep track of it and hold it for our collectors. You and your wife and little girl shall have the best station of all, the one nearest mine. In a few share—what it has been getting—and

He waved his hand and Capt. Rintoul was borne away and locked up in a tiny cabin to think it over. His reflections were at first violent, but after front of the head station he saw the cent, for several years. when the Ivery Trader pointed its gun at his bark, he was completely helpless.

his daughter.

In the days that clapsed while the steamship was running down the African coast he pondered matters Rintoul answered, and asked for news.

The steamship had replied that she was the Ivory Trader of Antwerp once sent one of her boats to his bark. The prisoners of a continent."

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But the world will never know it.

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The master of the Sea Gull communicated these extraordinary assertions to his officers and to his wife, who stood trembling at the vail. Then he glanced about him.

His ship was absolutely motionless. The promise of a squall had dissipated and the afternoon sun shore on an occan smooth as a milipond, it also shore on the little brass cannot the season for exhaustion. The promise of the carried how long part of the cavilized world in my time part of the cavilized world in my time or your own.

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"It is a regret to me that I could and struggled to get out of the cluth dared not linger even long enough to five by him. It was futile. He could not get some one reading her riddle when she falling to pieces—Capt. Rimtoul in a free. Pacte Mynhooven watched his is found; but I hardly think the truth towering rage demanded to see the efforts until Capt. Rimtoul ceased from will be guessed."

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nough white men to man our out- miles at the station nearest to Myn. flow is gradually abaticus. posts and collecting depots on the hooven's headquarters. His mates and is running out. You have drained this river. I have tried to get the com- all the rest of the Sea Gull's hands region dry. There is no more ivery

river. I have tried to get the company to send me men, but they are a rapacious lot back home. They want to make a great fortune for each one of them without spending anything for it.

"I could double the ivory shipments if I could man these posts. I must have willes to man them. I can get them no other way than by force. If I get them I can double the trade and the increase shall belong to me, and the men with me. It shall not belong to those greedy and niggardly thieves at home who would not send me men. It shall be mine and yours and your men's!

"See what a chance I offer you! I mate shall and the get to shall be get the search overland past certain falls and rapats and put at various tiny posts on the vast upper reaches of they were as effectually pussoners as if they had been locked in London Tower.

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I must skip an interval of several hundred thousand pounds steriling. You must give me your profits for a whole year. That will be several hundred thousand pounds steriling. You must give ne your profits for a whole year. The twist of the thousand pounds steriling. You must give ne your profits for a whole year. The twist of the trade and they are to make your reaches.

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"No! I choose to make you r "See what a chance I offer you! I ness killed five, the blacks killed seven, pay off your shareholders and prepare

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It was on one day in his fourth year. They received with regret but without in the wilderness that Capt. Rintoul undue surprise the notification of the took his wife and daughter with him approaching dissolution of the cou-while he went to the head station to pany, which had been so profitable. report to Mynhooven. On the grass in even yielding them as high as 55 per



The "I'll get some news," said Capt. Rintoul. "In four months a lot of things can happen."

brass carrian which had caused him! Several shipments of weld a in were to lose his ship. It had been brought sent down at intervals to Cart. Rin-to the past originally for defence tout, who was not near any bank and

Memboover, had mounted it on the found drafts and checks equally un-

Publisher generation can hardly be expected in know more about her than been supported in know more about her cape followed by a colossal question mark. To be brief about it, then, the Sea Guilly was discovered at a point 300 for its was for i

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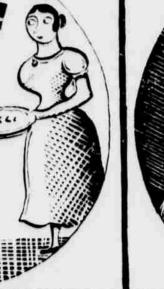
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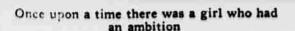








to make pies to be used in the movies. Moral: If you pick an ambition pick a



to make the best custard pie that could be

She worked and worked until her friends thought she was foolish.

her \$10,000 a year

But one day along came a man who offered